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**KEEPING ORDER**

Gamma Phi Beta - Epsilon Beta

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*a letter from an alumnae...*

Dear Sisters~

Happy Homecoming! This is an exciting time for the alumnae. Homecoming weekend the active chapter involved the alumnae in the festivities by inviting us to purchase a Gamma Phi Beta Homecoming 2005 shirt and to walk in the parade. The Alma College theme was, Alma Through the Decades and to tie in with that the actives did Gamma Phi's through the Decades. Each decade of graduates wore a different color shirt to show the diversity of our amazing sisterhood. New photos will be posted on the website soon - be sure to check them out!

On October 1st, we held our first ever Alumnae Board Meeting. Following the homecoming parade, a group of actives and alumnae met on campus in the Reid-Knox building and had a conference call with fellow alumnae who could not make the trip to Alma. A few of the actives were present to give an update on the active chapter and Greek Life at Alma in general. We discussed what role the alumnae board could play with the active chapter. I will send out complete minutes and a full update on the meeting in the coming weeks. If you have any thoughts or suggestions, e-mail Bree at [KeepingOrder@hotmail.com](mailto:KeepingOrder@hotmail.com). We are all excited to start a wonderful tradition and would love to have all of you involved.

I am still working on updating the contact list. Visit the website at the address below and let us know of any changes to your address, phone, e-mail or if you have changed your last name. We are hoping to have a complete list by the end of the year.

*Alumnae Contact List*

Alumna, Bree Brownlee ('04) who puts together "Keeping Order" and runs our alumni website is still working to update our contact list with over 900 Epsilon Beta Gamma Phi's as well as Alpha Theta's - back to 1924! Please let us know of any updates or changes that you may have for yourself or others so that we can all stay in contact from now on! Check it out on our alumnae website and get in touch with old friends and sisters!

In addition to the exciting alumnae news, the active chapter is having a very successful fall semester so far. Fall recruitment was semiformal this year and it was a huge success - they welcomed 12 wonderful new members and are looking forward to a fun and exciting new member period with these amazing women.

Be on the lookout for the next newsletter with a letter from the new active president and even more announcements on the alumnae board.

Check out the rest of the newsletter for news from the active chapter, a calendar of events we would love to have you attend, alumni announcements and photos and information on our very own Sarah Rosenthal, '03 who survived Hurricane Katrina recently.

Best wished for a happy fall and holiday season! Looking forward to your continued involvement and support.

in IKE,  
~ Bree Erin Brownlee, '04

*Keep Connected:*

[www.alma.edu/organizations/GPBalumni](http://www.alma.edu/organizations/GPBalumni)

## Keep Up to DATE...

although alumnae can attend any event, bolded items are events alumnae should attend

### October 2005

- 1 **Homecoming**
- 2 Business Meeting - Pinning Ceremony
- 9 PACE (Personal and Chapter Enrichment)
- 16 Business Meeting
- 27 Goo Phoo Boo
- 30 Sisterhood

### November 2005

- 3 **Midnight Summons**
- 4 **Initiations**
- 6 Business Meeting
- 11-13 Alma College Dance Company Fall Concert
- 13 PACE (Personal and Chapter Enrichment)
- 18 Tavern
- 20 Business Meeting
- 21 Recruitment Event
- 27 Sisterhood

### December 2005

- 2-4 Choir Concert
- 4 Business Meeting
- 8 Holly House
- 11 PACE (Personal and Chapter Enrichment)

# ALUMNAE

board

The Alumnae Board held their first meeting on Sat., October 1st after the Homecoming Parade! It was a great time to set goals for the board as well as brainstorm ways the alumni can help the actives with recruitment, initiations and sisterhood. In addition, we are working on ways to improve the overall Greek system at Alma College. Meeting minutes will be sent out in an e-mail in the coming weeks.

They also are looking at starting "Alumnae Events" to keep everyone in contact, if you have any ideas please e-mail Bree Brownlee ('04) at Keeping Order@hotmail.com

If you are interested in becoming a member of the board contact Naomi Vance, ('06) alumni relations chair at 06nlvance@alma.edu and Bree. They will contact you for all future meetings and announcements. This will be a great chance for you to stay involved and in contact with everyone.

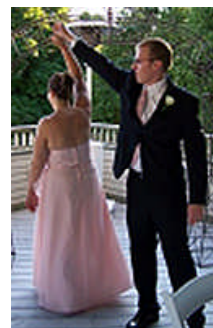
## Keep Note...

### news from the home front

🎵 The active chapter recently took 12 new members through Fall Recruitment. Congratulations and welcome to Katie Allison, Melissa Boguslawski, Abby Bonar, Amanda Brady, Megan Coffin, Mallory Hick, Jackie Jorgensen, Melanie McIntyre, Julie Opperman, Megan Rasch, Sami Spedoske and Em Syrewicze. Open bids were handed out on Sunday evening - look for further updates on the website and our next newsletter!



🎵 Congratulations to Jillian Cline ('06) who married Chelsey Foster ('06) on August 27th on Mackinaw Island! Her sister and fellow Gamma Phi, Jen Lux (Cline, '04) was the matron of honor. Photos below.



🎵 Congratulations to seniors Andrea Radtke and Naomi Vance who were nominated as member of the 2005 Homecoming Court. How exciting to have 2 GPB's on court! The last time this happened, was in 2002 when Jamie Hammel and Julie (Skok) Stevens were on court. That year, Jamie was crowned Homecoming Queen!

# notes & news

& Congratulations to Kim Light ('05) who found a teaching job at Linden High School. Kim, a biology major, is teaching Integrated Science and Forensics. She's also looking into coaching the Eagle's softball team! Congrats Kim - and go red!

& Congratulations to Alicia Huffman ('03) who married longtime sweetheart, Lucas Hart on August 6th in Frankenmuth, MI. Sisters Meghan Schroeder (McNally '02), Brooke Palm ('03), Amanda Lane (Dohm '02), and Allison Cargill ('02) were in attendance, as well as various Zeta Sigma alumni. Photos from the wedding below - including one of her being serenaded by the Zeta Sigma's!



& Amy McGinnis ('92) and husband Eric welcomed Emma Rose on December 30, 2004. Pictured below is the happy family. Congrats Amy - and welcome to another legacy!



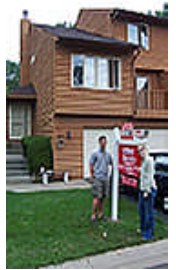
& Lynn (Benson) Wyville '96 and husband Darren are looking forward to their second child in February. They currently have a 2-year old daughter, Delaney. Lynn and family are currently living in Portland, Oregon where she is an Oncology PA. They would love visitors anytime!



& Julie (Skok) Stevens '02 is now working for the Michigan Institute for Health Enhancement as a Dietitian, and loving it! Active Nutrition is still in the works as well, although now more of a side job. Best of luck Julie.

& Heather Laird-Fick's daughter's first birthday will be celebrated this month. In her own words, "sorry for not keeping in touch with everyone - Kylie came early and I haven't caught my breath since! I'm enjoying work at Michigan State - most of what I do is now teaching and administration, with a couple days of clinical work a week."

& Tara (Braun) and Carter Gay '03 are moving into a new house just outside Minneapolis, MN. Although they had to miss homecoming for the move they are excited about Carter's new job and being able to finally live in the same city. They now are both working for the Target Corporation. Enjoy!



& Meredith Henry ('03), Brenda Popplestone ('05), and Kim Crandall ('05) had a great time in early July when they attended the Live 8 concert in Philadelphia. After spending their last term in Philly at the Philadelphia Center, both Brenda and Kim stayed in the Philly area (Kim's in Washington D.C. now). Meredith moved to Philly

in mid-January and the three have enjoyed getting together often. They were in a crowd of over 800,000 people at Live 8, but were glad to be able to share in a great concert and a great cause.



& Lisa Knowles ('94) and husband Bill Arnold ('91) recently moved to Charlotte, MI with their two children, 3 year old Amelia, and 1 year old Alex, upon Lisa's purchase of a dental practice. If you are contemplating dental school, feel free to give Lisa a call at 517-543-5230. Best of luck with your new practice Lisa!

& Jamie Hammel ('02) and fiance Matt Culver ('02) recently both got teaching jobs at St. Joseph High School in St. Joe, MI. They are currently looking for a house in St. Joe; and getting married in November! If you want to visit the Lake Michigan lakeshore, or visit Chicago, they are a good stopping point and would love the visitors!

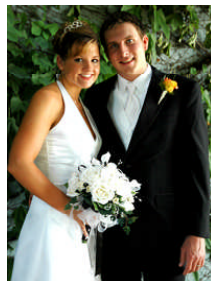
& Congratulations to Jen Cline on her marriage to Nick Lux! They were married on July 1st in Alma, MI. Her sister and fellow Gamma Phi, Jillian Cline ('06) was the maid-of-honor. Shannon Roehl ('04) and Erica Sandel ('06) were also in attendance.



& Congratulations to Charnell (Kintigh) and Matt Davis on the birth of their first child. Son, Jacob Matthew was born on Friday, September 16th. Congratulations to the new Davis family!



& Kaleena (Sharp) Liedke, '05 is now a Mary Kay Independent Beauty Consultant. If anyone needs something or just wants to play with a new look, they can visit my website [www.marykay.com/kliedke](http://www.marykay.com/kliedke). Her and husband Chris now live in Midland, MI where Kaleena is working as a teller at Wolverine Bank. Although they were married in February, their reception was August 6th to celebrate with friends and family. Gammies in attendance were Dre Radtke, Mel Ager, Laura Bell, and Beth Opperman.



## WWW. Want to be in the know? check the web

The actives have a website that is updated frequently. It has news and announcements, calendar, photos and more. Check it out to see what's going on back at the house in AC.

[www.alma.edu/organizations/gammaphibeta](http://www.alma.edu/organizations/gammaphibeta)

The alumnae website - linked through the actives site is updated with alumnae events and news frequently! Come see what everyone's up to now!

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Sarah Rosenthal ('03), pictured at Julie Skok's wedding last fall, had recently moved to Louisiana before Hurricane Katrina hit. Her and her boyfriend had just been settling into life down south when disaster struck. Both are okay, as they were able to get out in time and stay with some of his family in Texas. They did however, lose everything from their home and are in the process of starting over. They have decided to move to Arizona to be by her sister and Dan, her boyfriend, will be going to Arizona State or U of A. It sounds like a fresh start will be good for them and we are really happy for her. In light of everything they have been through the last couple weeks she seems happy and upbeat.



Gamma Phi Beta Homecoming shirts were made for all actives and alumnae to purchase. The extra money raised will be sent to Rosie to help her build a new life. In addition, electronic "moons and stars" were sent to let her know all past and present sisters were thinking of her. Good luck Rosie - we love you!